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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA: CONVERSATION WITH
GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR PAPADOPOULOS

1. I HAD A BRIEF AND VERY CORDIAL MEETING WITH GREEK CYRPIOT NEGOTIATOR PAPADOPUULOS WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 6. PAPADOPOULOS SEEMED MORE RELAXED THAN AT ANY TIME DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK, AND WHILE HE CONTINUED TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE WAY THE VIENNA ROUND HAD PROCEEDED, IT WAS EVIDENT THAT HE HAD ENJOYED HIS EXPERIENCE IN VIENNA VERY MUCH.

2. PAPADOPOULOS SAID HE AND HIS DELEGATION VERY MUCH APPRECIATED THE EFFORT THE U.S. HAD MADE OVER THE LAST WEEK IN GETTING THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO BE MORE REASONABLE AND DETAILED AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. HE INSISTED THAT SUCH
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EFFORTS ON OUR PART SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN NECESSARY, AND THE VERY FACT THEY WERE NECESSARY SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS WERE NOT NEGOTIATING IN GOOD FAITH. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD HOPE THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED AND PLAY A MAJOR ROLE BETWEEN NOW AND THE RESUMPTION OF THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS IN NICOSIA IN GETTING THE TURKS TO STATE THEIR TERRITORIAL POSITION IN A DETAILED FORM.

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3. PAPADOPOULOS SAID HE WISHED TO DISAGREE WITH WHAT HE KNEW WAS MY POSITION, NAMELY THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAD EXPLAINED THEIR POSITION ON THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION IN SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO ENABLE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS TO KNOW WHAT ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE. PAPADOPOULOS INSISTED HE HAD OBTAINED NO SUCH CLEAR INDICATION AND SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO SHOW ME AND AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD IN NICOSIA THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE APRIL 4 SESSION, AS RECORDED BY MRS. SOULIOTI TO PROVE HIS POINT.

4. PAPADOPOULOS ALSO SAID HE WAS GREATLY DISTURBED BY THE WAY CLARK CLIFFORD AND YOU HAD CHARACTERIZED THE GREEK CYPRIOT TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL TO THE GREEK AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON AS A "BARE MINIMUM". THIS, SAID PAPADOPOULOS, WAS GROSSLY UNFAIR. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FURTHER TERRITORY MIGHT HAVE TO BE GIVEN TO THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS AS THE NEGO-TIATIONS PROCEEDED BUT SAID THE GREEK CYPRIOT MAP WAS CAREFULLY DRAWN TO ENSURE THAT ALL THE MAJOR TURKISH CYPRIOT AREAS WERE INCLUDED IN THE TURKISH CYPRIOT ZONE AND THAT THE ZONE HAD SUFFICIENT ECONOMIC RESOURCES TO STAND ON ITS OWN FEET. PAPADOPOULOS SAID HE WAS PARTICULARLY DISTURBED THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOT PROPOSAL HAD BEEN EQUATED BY CLIFFORD TO THE TURKISH CYRPIOT PROPOSAL. WEEKS OF WORK HAD GONE INTO THE PREPARATION OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT MAP AND HE COULD NOT HELP BUT BELIEVE THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL WAS QUITE SUPERFICIALLY AND SHODDILY DRAFTED.

5. AS FOR THE FUTURE, PAPADOPOULOS SAID THAT DESPITE HIS CONFIDENTIAL

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DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE RESULTS IN VIENNA, HE DID NOT INTEND TO "BAD MOUTH" THE TURKISH CYPRIOT POSITIONS WHEN HE HELD HIS PRESS CONFERENCE IN VIENNA ON APRIL 7 AND WAS PREPARED TO RESUME THE NEGOTATIONS IN NICOSIA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WANT TO SUSTAIN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESSS AND WILL DO ALL THEY CAN TO KEEP IT GOING, HE ADDED. IN RESPONSE TO MY REQUEST, PAPADOPOULOS SAID THAT THE TALKS COULD CONVENE AS EARLY AS MAY 5 THOUGH HE PREFERRED THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE TO BE LESS SPECIFIC AND INDICATE ONLY "AN EARLY MAY" RECONVENING DATE.

6. PAPADOPOULOS CONCLUDED THE CONVERSATION BY REPEATING AGAIN HIS HOPE THAT THE US WOULD BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED BETWEEN NOW AND EARLY MAY IN ENSURING THAT THE TURKS DEVELOPED A MORE ADQUATE TERRITORIAL POSITION. HE SAID HE WAS CONCERNED BOTH ABOUT WHAT WOULD OCCUR AT THE NICOSIASESSIONS AS WELL AS THE DESIRABILITY OF A FURTHER ROUND IN VIENNA IF THE TURKS COULD NOT BE MORE SPECIFIC ON THIS QUESTION BEFORE THE TURKISH ELECTIONS. HE ALSO WONDERED WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE USEFUL IF IN

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SCHEDULING A FURTHER VIENNA MEEETING, WALDHEIM INVITED ONAN
AND PAPADOPOULOS TO NEW YORK FOR A BRIEF INFORMAL DISCUSSION
OF "NEXT STEPS" ONCE THE NICOSIA ROUND WAS CONCLUDED. THIS,
HE SUGGESTED, MIGHT ALSO GIVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME TO
WASHINGTON WHICH HE SAID HE WOULD GREATLY ENJOY DOING.MEEHAN

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